Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" In answer to the question it is stated that the crowd that gathered became menacing, etc. May I ask, Sir, on what authority that statement is made. Generally when these picketers go out, there is usually a big crowd merely watching them. But does that become an unlawful assembly? I believe, Sir, in law there must be a common object for an unlawful assembly."

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The statement has been made on the authority of the District Magistrate who has reported to the Government after making due enquiry."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I ask what the nature of the enquiry made was?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " After enquiring the people who were there and the police officers, he has made the report to the Government."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" It is stated in answer to clause (*b*) that the unlawful assembly consisted of the picketers and volunteers prepared to assist them. May I know how before any overt act was committed by those who were present there the police came to know of their unlawful object?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " As I have said, that is from the report of the District Magistrate."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the report says anything as to the preparations made to assist the volunteers?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " Yes. That is a fact, Sir."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" In answer to clause (*c*), it is stated ' a section of the crowd took up a defiant attitude even after being warned to disperse.' May I know what it means?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " The Police asked them to disperse. But they would not. They abused the police and became turbulent and vociferous."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" May I say that I did not ask what the Police thought of the crowd?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:— " My hon. Friend wanted to know what the meaning of the statement was, and what I have said is from the report of the District Magistrate."

Alleged police excesses on picketers at Mangalore.

* 2 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: With reference to question No. 1118 answered on 24th March 1932, will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received the information called for;
(*b*) what the information is; and

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(c) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The number of beatings was not recorded and it is not possible to furnish information at this distance of time. The nature of the wounds was contusions and stick marks. No picketer fell down unconscious as a result of the beating. The picketers were removed to the Hospital by the police.

(c) None.

Alleged beating of two volunteers by the Police in Mangalore on 26th March 1932.

* 3 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether two volunteers Babu Shetti and Subbayya Shetti picketed on 26th March 1932 the foreign yarn shop of Ganesh Srinivasa Pai in Mangalore and whether the Police formed a cordon round the volunteers and beat them with canes;

(b) under what provision of law the two volunteers within the police ring were beaten by the police; and

(c) whether it is a fact that two volunteers Subbayya Shetti and Vaikunta Shirianna picketed the shop of D. Kanji Bros. at Mangalore on the same date and were severely beaten by the police?

A.—(a) The two persons mentioned picketed a foreign yarn shop on 26th March 1932. The picketers and the crowd that had collected were warned by the Police to disperse. The two persons received some cuts from canes but no cordon was formed round them.

(b) The picketers were not beaten within a Police ring.

(c) The volunteers picketed the shop referred to and a crowd collected. They were warned to disperse and on refusal to disperse they received some cuts from canes.

Alleged beating of two volunteers for picketing the shop of D. Kanji Bros. on 6th April 1932.

* 4 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that only two volunteers picketed the foreign cloth shop of D. Kanji Bros. on 6th April 1932 at 4-30 p.m. in Mangalore town;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Police came in their van headed by the Circle Inspector and Sub-Inspector of Police and beat the picketers with canes;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Police van was placed between the picketers and the main portion of the road;